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Whatever you do, do cheerfully. If you are doing a favor for a friend, or helping with the duties of the household, don't go about it as if you thought it was an imposition and that it was something you had to do. One of the most helpful girls I ever saw in a home, and who really did all she could for others in the family because she loved to do it, took all the comfort and pleasure away from those she chose to minister to and aid by her cheerful and unselfish face and seemingly reluctant feeling she had in attending to the duties she so well performed. Yet, no one even asked this girl to do the hundred and one little kindly acts she was doing for others. It was all done through her own free will and accord, and had she gone about it with one of the happy, bright little smiles that illuminated her whole face when doing for others outside of the home circle, it would have been a source of the greatest pleasure to those whom she really loved and tried to do for. Her father idolized her and she was ready to wait on him and do the little things she knew he would appreciate. She would read to him by the hour, but she generally let him know that she was sacrificing other things she preferred doing for his pleasure. She was always ready, too, to aid in charity work, and no matter how great a favor was demanded by parties who had no claim whatever upon her, she was never too busy to accede to their wishes and there wasn't the slightest bit of a frown on her pretty face. Used to look to her and wonder why her sweetest and best was given to strangers instead of bestowing them on her own family who worshiped her. This girl is not alone in this unenviable habit. The company manners are too often neglected until there are strangers within the sacred precincts of the home. If any one possesses this deplorable trait I don't know of a better time to turn over a new leaf and resolve to shine in their own home rather than the best and sweetest for the outside friends. There will come a day when the family circle will be broken up. There will be vacant chairs, some of the loved ones having obeyed the last summons. Others will have drifted out into life's great sea. They may find some safe harbor to anchor, or they may drift with the tide as it ebbs and flows, some of them maybe becalmed, helpless to move, and their fate unknown. Then will the pages of memory turn back, every unkind word, every act that hurt those you loved the best will appear before you. That sub-conscious mind of yours will reveal them fast enough then. Incidents that you considered too trivial to give a second thought at the time will now come flooding back as you may. Then why not save this heartache, these regrets that never cease to pain you, by giving the best, the sweetest in life, in your own home?

It is time to turn over a new leaf. That is every one's privilege at the beginning of a new year. We make good resolutions without end. We vow that we will draw a line through the dead leaves of the past, and turn a new leaf, pure and unsullied. We think at the time that no act of ours is going to deface that new page, but before the year is all the time to stop it. To please her I am going to stop it. This is my last smoke and to celebrate the event I bought this twenty-five-cent cigar. Then he blew clouds of pearly smoke from his fragrant weed and it floated off into rings and wreaths. He watched them with an air of satisfaction that was pleasant to remember. He felt that he was doing an act to be commended by all who knew his fondness for the weed. It was a great sacrifice, and he wanted every one to know of the sacrifice he was making just to please his wife. I met him three days later. He was smoking and looked ashamed to think he had been caught in the act so soon after New Year. "You see," he said, "I had a most awful toothache. It lasted all night and I was sick enough to go to bed. Just had to smoke to get any peace, smoking has never yet failed to cure my toothache, no matter how severe it was. My wife gives me credit for my good intentions, in fact, she urged me to smoke when she saw what agony I was in." He was not the only one who was to find guilty to breaking his good resolves. There were plenty of others keeping him company.

Only a few more days and the curtain will have been rung down on 1905. You can almost hear the tap, tap of the last leaf that makes it a thing of the past. Usually there are a few to mourn the passing away of the old year with its many sad phases, but I have yet to hear one person express a regret at the passing away of 1905. The year has been marked by disaster on sea and land. War has left a crimson pathway and many desolate homes are mute evidence that the

grim enemy has passed that way. Instead of sighing for the old year we anxiously await the birth of the New Year, and I can have no better wish for you than that it will bring peace, prosperity and happiness to you individually and to every land and every nation.

Some Don'ts for the 1906: Don't worry, don't cross bridges until you get to them. Don't speak disparagingly of any one. If you haven't something good to say it is better to remain silent; don't air your family grievances, remember that everything pertaining to your home life, should be sacred; don't look on the dark side; remember there is a silver lining to every cloud; don't grieve over the past, live for the present; don't live in the shadows of gloomy thoughts when you can bask in the sunshine. Lastly, don't wait to give your flowers and say your kind words until death comes; give them now.

BRIEF REVIEW.

The Longest Canal in the World.

Almost twice the length of the Erie canal, or about 700 miles, the Grand canal of China is by far the longest artificial waterway in the world.

With its connecting rivers it links together parts of the empire which are separated by more than 1,000 miles. It passes through one of the most thickly populated sections on the globe; and the variety of craft which navigates its waters is the most wonderful on earth. Large Chinese junks, with wide-spreading sails, alternate with little canoes sculled by a man standing in the stern; barges, laden with every kind of merchandise, drag their tedious journey past small slipper-shaped craft used as dispatch boats, which can go everywhere, so little water do they draw; there are boats with paddle wheels at the side turned by coolies who work within a half dozen or so on each vessel; boats owned by beggars, who sail through the canal from one town to another, anchoring in the channel while they go ashore to ply their mendicant trade; and boats filled with lepers being transported to some colony of their kind. For thirty miles between the Hoang-ho and Yangtze rivers, the Grand Canal is an elevated waterway, carried over the country on embankments twenty-five feet high and of varying thickness. The canal along this elevated structure is about 200 feet wide, and the current runs at a rate of about three miles an hour. The mound of earth which supports the water is kept together by retaining walls of stone; and so staunch is the work that the lapse of centuries has seen no damage caused by break in the dikes and levees which stand on the lower level along the route.—Frederick Williams in Technical World Magazine.

America's Four Vices.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in an address before the National Educational Association delivered himself as follows on the subject of America's vices: "There are four great vices of Americans. There is materialism—the insane push the wealth of the world more for ourselves of country so abundantly. There is conceit—our pride in the fact that we have the greatest country, the greatest rivers, the greatest mountains, the greatest men, the greatest wealth and the greatest fruits and corporations to control them all. There is lawlessness—the theory that liberty consists in every man having the right to follow his own sweet will, that government rests on the consent of the governed, which is even seen in some theories of education that say the child should never be compelled, but only induced to learn. There is the spirit of caste. The only cure for all these is to develop the spiritual side of man.

The French Student.

Some of the French students are miserably poor. No one knows how much poverty is hidden under those long curls and pale faces. Sometimes in the libraries in the evening one sees a student with a pale face and a head on a stick, looking at the books with a vacant stare, and a hand on his forehead, as if he were about to faint. There was one student who always walked with his head down and his hands in his pockets and around him went a cloud of frozen dead air. He was found frozen dead one morning. He had hardly anything on underneath his coat. But while American students who find themselves hard up will write a letter to their parents, a French student would rather starve than to do so, and as one of them expressed it, "Rather starve during nine years and not do manual labor than live fairly well and finish the same studies in three years and work for a living."—Paris Letter in New York Post.

John Gale, a youthful hunter of Petaluma, narrowly escaped death on the marshes recently. He stepped into a quagmire of mud and began sinking. The efforts of his companion, Roy Silva, aged 12 years, were unavailing to extricate Gale from his predicament, and the lad was in imminent danger, Silva ran over a mile to a farmhouse to summon assistance, and several men hastened to the rescue of the imperiled lad. When they reached him Gale had sunk to his neck in the mire, and was very feeble and numb from the cold. It took some little time to draw Gale from his position with the aid of planks, but he was finally dragged out and soon recovered from the shock.

It has been learned from an Army officer at the Benicia arsenal that the Government will not abandon the barracks as the signal corps headquarters of the Coast, but will repair and alter it extensively, making it the depot for all stores and equipment and conducting the much talked of balloon experiments at this place. Lieutenant A. T. Clifton will be in charge of the wireless service and balloon work.

A Painful Difference.

"You take your roast beef, do you not?" asked the host.

"Not rare," answered the man who is impoverished, but grammatical—rarely."—Washington Star.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Handsome shirt Waist.

Here is one of the latest modes in a separate shirt blouse which is a stunning example of the new mode. A lightweight broadcloth in olive green serves as material with small gold buttons as adornment. A fanciful yoke



SEPARATE SHIRT BLOUSE.

appears in front and back, continuing along the closing in stole fashion. A small applied pocket lends a jaunty air decidedly smart. The waist might be developed in ladies' cloth, flannel or linen as well as any material possessing the qualities necessary to tailoring. For the medium size three yards of thirty-six inch material are needed to develop the pattern.

The Tailored Shirt Waist.

With the return of the severely plain tailor made woolen costumes the tailored shirt waist is again well to the front. The accepted styles display a severity of outline and a plainness of development that accord well with the mode. The plain shirt sleeve, with but a scant fullness at the top and ending in a stiff cuff fastened with links, is what the best makers are showing, and the collar may be either of the stiff linen laundered variety or a stock that is tied in a bow, Ascot, four-in-hand or even a simple crossover fashion.

Law of Proportion in Dress.

A great effort has unquestionably been made to arrive at proportionate lines in dress. There does not at present appear to be anything preposterous from our head to our feet. The infinitely small chapeau, so trying to thin and full faces alike, has given way before a shape that is only reasonably small, while the bulk of apparel will certainly go out to the dome crowned hat with an appreciable and straight brim, swept up at the left side beneath a panache of feathers.

Styles in Brief.

Among the pretty materials for blouses is French voile. If trimmed with heavy Irish crochet there is indeed a beautiful thing.

Other popular materials are black voile, handkerchief linen, batiste and chiffon.

Some of the newest materials are silk corduroy, gold cloth (also silver, with color shades of green and red) and tulle.

Silk embroidery on crepe de chine is very delicate and pretty.

Fur Trimmings.

popular with the very latest is to have the remainder of the season is to have collars and cuffs of the outer jacket or heavy coat or fur and a large polo turban of the same pelt. Built entirely of the fur, very little trimming adorns the hat, a single brilliant buckle or button serving perhaps to clasp jetted or spangled quills directly in front or in cavalier style at the side. Large headwork buttons will also be used in this way.

A Stylish Model.

The box coats are very popular for young girls, and a stylish model is here shown in a development of dark blue cheviot. The stitched tucks in

front and back are arranged in duchess effect and add greatly to the smart appearance of the mode. The strap at the back may be used or not, as preferable. Zibeline broadcloth, covert and serge are all suitable for the making. The medium size requires four yards of forty-four inch material.

Discouraging.

"No, my little girl, I can't lend you mother any flour or oil or butter or fattons or lamps or potatoes or anything else that she sent you over for, but go back and tell her I have a lot of trouble she can borrow."—Baltimore American.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

How Willie Cracked Them.

Willie's big sister, a Warwick boulevard young woman, was having a small party a few evenings ago and the time for refreshments came. Instead of the usual ice cream, cake, etc., the girl had provided something "different." Pumpkin pie, fruit, cider and chestnuts were served. Willie was on hand assisting in the eating. When the chestnuts were passed the girl said:

"I can't vouch for these. I told Willie to be sure and throw out the bad ones. Did you do it, Willie?"

"Bet I did," said Willie, gulping down a mouthful of pie.

"Yes, I guess you did," said the girl, looking the chestnuts over. "And, Willie, you cracked them beautifully."

"Bet I did," came from Willie. "Done it with my teeth."—Kansas City Star.

Those Girls.

"I hate him!"

"Gracious, Jeannette!"

"And when he calls on me I never fail to let him know it."

"Really?"

"Yes, and I tell him a dozen times I could never forgive him."

"Goodness! When is the wedding going to be, dear?"—Chicago News.

A Problem Likely to Be Solved.

"I'm told you are so rich you don't know what to do with your money," said the old time friend.

"Yes," answered Mr. Curox, "but I expect to have an imported son-in-law, and I guess maybe he'll show me."—Washington Star.

The End of His Glad Dream.

"I thought you said you were going to have a den in your new house?"

"Yes, I did expect to, but after it had gone so far that we couldn't change things my wife discovered that she would need another closet."—Detroit Free Press.

Fortified.

Dora Hope—Are you prepared for anything that papa may say when you ask him?

Kleen Gawn—Yes, dear, or anything he may do. I have taken out a \$5,000 accident insurance policy. —Chicago Tribune.

A Light Expense.

Crow—Well, with your ability to see in the dark you have no gas bills to pay.

Straining a Kiss.

Eva—Did you ever kiss a girl through a screen?

Eva—Of the girl?

Dick—No, of the veil.—Detroit Tribune.

Probably So.

"The humorist on the paper told me his wife didn't sympathize with his work."

"She's probably a tender hearted woman and sympathizes with his victim."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mechanical.

"That's my best work," said the poet after reading his verses. "I'm thinking of having it copyrighted. Would you?"

"Copyrighted?" replied the critic. "No. If I were you I'd have it patented."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Read.

The man being out of his head, the surgeon proceeded forthwith to saw a hole in his skull.

"To enable him to get back in," whispered the unlearned onlookers, one to another, in awe.—Puck.

Bosses There Too.

Yeast—And are there no bosses in Europe?

No Trifling Matter.

"I see somebody advocates the use of the sword in meetings between cadets."

"What nonsense! Those meetings are serious affairs."—Baltimore News.

Generally the Way.

"He's a servant of the people."

"Yes, I know, but he's as haughty as the servant of a private family."—Houston Post.

One Woman's Preference.

"What does your wife think of woman suffrage?"

"She doesn't care for it. What she would greatly prefer is a bill taking away the suffrage right from man!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Absent Treatment.

"But," protested Punchy, "why go far to fight? Why not stay at home?"

"Preferring the foreign article, however, he hastily started forth.—Lippincott's Magazine.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. R. L. Rowe, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 a. m. Epworth League at 4:30 p. m. on Sunday.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Commencing Sunday, November 26th and until further notice, mass will be said in St. Francis Church, Sonoma, on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a. m., and on the second and fourth Sundays mass will be said in St. Francis Church, Sonoma, at 9 a. m., and in St. Mary's Church, Glen Ellen, at 11 a. m. On the third Sunday of every month in which five Sundays occur, mass will be said in St. Mary's Church, Glen Ellen, at 9 a. m., and in St. Francis Church, Sonoma, at 11 a. m.

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WHY NOT CELEBRATE.

The citizens of Sonoma have every reason to celebrate the next national holiday by a rousing public demonstration. The new city hall by that great day will have been completed.

Sonoma for the past year has enjoyed unusual prosperity and growth, and our Independence Day should never be allowed to pass without a public, patriotic observance. Taking these three good reasons into consideration, Sonoma should have on July the Fourth next, the biggest celebration in her history, one that will mark a new epoch in the history of our beautiful and prosperous city and valley. Let us dedicate our new city building and celebrate our national independence on July 4, 1906.

The Expositor respectfully suggests and urges that a citizens' committee be appointed at an early date to prepare for the big event.

P. P. Company.

The Petaluma Painting Company of our sister city, are at present engaged on a contract in El Verano. They have done much satisfactory work in the valley and will take contracts for painting in Sonoma Valley at the lowest possible figure consistent with good material and workmanship. Read their new ad elsewhere in this issue.

W. K. Roberts Returns.

After an absence of several months, W. K. Roberts arrived very unexpectedly in Sonoma, Tuesday evening from China, where he is employed in the government service. His return was a very joyful event in the Roberts' household where the proud father greeted his new daughter, little Miss Wilma, for the first time.

Dr. J. J. Summerfield

Dr. Summerfield of Santa Rosa, had business in Sonoma Tuesday and while here became greatly interested in our historic landmark, The Old Mission. He expressed great surprise that the people in this vicinity had not done more towards permanent restoration and offered many valuable suggestions in regard to the work of restoring the famous structure.

He generously manifested his sincere interest in the old Mission by donating \$5 for its improvement.

Many thanks Doctor for the contribution as well as for the excellent ideas advanced.

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H. DAKIN'S FAREWELL

The departure of the petrels of Sonoma, gave their esteemed brother, H. R. Dakin, a delightful farewell party last evening in I. O. O. F. Hall.

Much to the regret of his many friends in Sonoma Valley, Mr. Dakin, foreman of the Hearst Ranch, will soon leave for Santa Cruz to reside permanently.

There was music, speech making, a fine spread and a general good time.

Mr. Dakin responded feelingly to the sentiments of fraternal friendship expressed by his brothers and sisters of the lodge, who wished him every success and happiness in his new home.

Wedding Pleasant Surprise.

Congregational Church, Santa Rosa, on Christmas day, the marriage occurred of Miss Edna Earl McPeak and George Liddell Luce, son of Arthur S. Luce. The wedding was a very quiet affair and came as a surprise to the many friends of the young couple in this city and county. They are wished much happiness and prosperity and are extended hearty congratulations.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Many little hearts were made happy at the Christmas exercises in the M. E. Church on Friday evening last and at the Congregational Church on Tuesday afternoon. Beloved Santa Claus generously remembered the little folks with toothsome dainties as usual.

Bob Fitzsimmons lost the fight with O'Brien last week and soon after lost his wife. It begins to look as though Fitz's chances for any more scraps are about gone.

GLEN ELLEN

An entertainment of moving pictures at the Home, was greatly enjoyed last Wednesday evening.

The brick factory located in the park, are running full blast and are turning out some splendid brick. Jack Harris, the able superintendent, is the right man in the right place.

A pleasant little gathering of young people took place at the home of Mr. Quien. Games and music were the principal amusements during the evening. A good time was had.

James Plum and family have returned to Glen Ellen and will make their home here. Mr. Plum, we believe, will open a barber shop.

THE NEW ROAD

The viewers appointed by the Board of Supervisors, to inspect the proposed new road across the Schell property from Schellville to a landing on Steamboat Slough, met yesterday at Schellville and went over the ground.

One of two plans will be reported, namely to throw up a road through the tule land or to dig a canal to a landing on higher ground.

The latter plan is much favored by the people in that section and it would be much cheaper and necessitate less hauling from the landing to town.

It is contended that in order to build up a road over the marsh, a canal would have to be dug on either side to get the earth sufficient to raise the roadbed above high water-mark and with the same amount of digging, a good canal capable of accommodating Capt. Sheller's new schooner could be made.

It is also contended that a canal would cost far less to keep in repair than a road through the same land.

J. H. Potter, M. P. Akers and Co. Surveyor, N. V. V. Smythe, are the viewers selected and as they are all men of excellent judgment, their recommendations to the Supervisors will in all probability be accepted by the Board.

To Say Mass in His Old Home.

The will of the late Frank Huber was filed for probate in the Superior Court on Saturday by J. P. Riebel. The main part of the property consists of cash in the Sonoma Valley Bank amounting to \$785.

The deceased leaves \$25 to Mr. Riebel and directs that a bequest of \$25 shall be made to the Roman Catholic Church in his old home, Canton, in Switzerland, for the saying of a mass there for the repose of his soul.

The rest and residue of his estate he bequeaths in shares to Walter Huber of Santa Rosa, whose address is unknown and Rosina Hallenbarter of Petaluma, his brother and sister respectively. Robt. A. Poppe is the attorney for the estate.

FIRST WEDDING IN NEW CHURCH.

An event of much pleasurable interest took place in St. Mary's Church in Glen Ellen, last Sunday morning Dec. 24, when Miss Margaret M. Friderger became the bride of Antone Cereghino, both popular young people of Glen Ellen.

The wedding was a very quiet one, only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present.

Rev. Father Leahy of Sonoma officiated at the ceremony. The groom is a trusted employ of A. E. Gaige of the Glen Ellen Market, and is well known in Sonoma Valley and Petaluma, where his parents reside.

The bride is a charming girl, a member of a pioneer family of the valley and has a host of friends and admirers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cereghino departed on the afternoon train for a short honeymoon trip, after which they will make their residence in Glen Ellen.

May their journey through life be one of continued prosperity and happiness is the wish of their many friends among whom the Expositor desires to be included.

The floor manager of the New Year's Ball to be given in Union Hall, announces that the grand march will begin at 9 o'clock sharp and not one minute later.

Opportunities are never lacking to those who are willing to work.



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Rumor has it that a well known young man of this section has "an itching around the heart that he can't scratch." The day has been set and the minister engaged to perform the ceremony. The bride to be is an Oakland belle.

Mrs. Geiselman and son are spending a few days sightseeing in the metropolis.

Will Campbell is visiting his relatives, the Gibsons at Home Farm. Miss Olive Thomas, the able teacher of Flowery Dist., left Friday afternoon last for San Francisco where she has secured a position in the school department.

Wm. Durant and family enjoyed turkey and cranberry, etc., in Sonoma on Monday.

Miss Millie Richards is justly proud of a fine gold medal awarded her at college for superior scholarship. Miss Millie is attending Notre Dame College, San Francisco and the fact that she outdistanced all competitors is quite an honor.

Rudolph Spreckles spent Friday last at Sobre Vista on business connected with the erection of his new mansion.

Miss Host Richards has a gang of carpenters at work making extensive alterations and improvements at the springs. Mr. and nothing is too good to think venience and pleasure of their guests and are determined to make every preparation to accommodate their increasing patronage. Under their able management Agua Caliente Springs has become one of the most favorite resorts in California.

Messrs Russel and J. B. Morris and Dr. Rich of San Francisco, enjoyed Christmas festivities at Home Farm.

Sick Again

The many friends of Henry Bates will be glad to know that he has about recovered from the serious attack of pneumonia, but Fate has decreed that he must now have an lining with tonsillitis. Henry doubtless thinks Job had a snap compared to his trials. We hope this recent affliction will be the last and that Mr. Bates' smiling countenance will be seen at his usual place of business.

Grand New Years Ball

Friday evening, Jan. 5, 1906, is the time, Mervyn Hall, Glen Ellen place, where the Grand New Year's Ball will be held.

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LOCAL ITEMS

A delightful hop was enjoyed at Union Hall last Friday evening by a number of the High School students and their friends. The Pauli Orchestra furnished the music.

Mrs. Burris has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Hopper, in Ukiah. Pneumonia is the cause of her sickness but we are glad to announce that she is now out of danger and improving as fast as could be expected.

A complete new stock of Holiday Goods at G. H. Holz. Make your selections early.

Trustee McDonnell and sister, Miss Katie, spent Christmas with their brother in Sebastopol.

Five popular young ladies of Sonoma Valley have entered the contest for the \$1500 prizes offered by the Republican. May they all win. They are Miss Nellie Sullivan, Miss Edna McElroy, Miss Millie Richards, Miss Emma Gaige and Miss Lulu Mann of Kenwood.

Mrs. Ada Pauli and son Roy, enjoyed Christmas with relatives in Sacramento.

4 off on Furs, RACKET. Work is progressing nicely on the plaza.

Harry Lowenthal came down from Portland, Oregon, and spent Sunday and Monday very pleasantly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Albertson on Broadway.

A. E. Warriner has been quite ill at his Broadway residence. His many friends hope to hear of a speedy recovery.

Eph. Weiss, the expert refracting optician, will be in Sonoma, at the Union Hotel Jan. 2nd.

Miss Riser returned to San Francisco Monday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riser in El Verano.

Mr. Naumann, Sr. of San Francisco, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Poppe, Sunday and Monday.

Prof. MacQuiddy and wife were guests at the home of their parents, J. T. and Mrs. MacQuiddy the fore part of the week.

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Mrs. Mary E. Murphy and daughter, Miss Florence, are in Berkeley where the latter is attending the sessions of the State Teacher's Association.

Miss Kate M. Davis of the metropolis, spent Merry Christmas with her friend, Mrs. Geo. Breitenbach.

Clark Gaines, is now living in Mina, Nevada, where he is holding a fine position with the railroad company.

Bruening's Receipt for "General depression." Eat Bruening's Bread three times each day. Bakery North-side of Plaza.

Mr. Allison Jr. is at present living in Santa Rosa, where he holds a lucrative position.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Murphy expect to leave in about two weeks for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at Nipomo, San Luis Obispo Co.

Watches, clocks, silverware, jewelry, etc., at Mrs. Lutgens for presents.

Geo. Spenoer, Manager of Union Pulp and Paper Co. of San Francisco, spent Christmas at the Harris home on Broadway.

Geo. Bulotti of San Francisco, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bulotti of this place.

Mr. Cooper, capitalist of Davenport, Iowa, and wife, were guests at the Harris home Christmas day.

Prof. Chas. C. Champlin was shaking hands with his Sonoma Valley friends here Sunday. Mr. Champlin has entered the Theological Seminary for the purpose of training himself for the Baptist ministry.

Jos. Bergier and wife of Glen Ellen spent Christmas in Sonoma.

Jos. F. Ryan, our popular constable, spent Christmas with relatives in Benicia.

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Miss Long left for San Francisco and Berkeley Sunday afternoon. She expects to visit relatives in Ukiah before the vacation is over.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Naumann and child visited at the home of Mrs. Amelia Bates on Monday.

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The FINGER OF GOD

CHAPTER I.

THE dusk of an April night was beginning to deepen on the drunkenness as three men came into view over the sand hills of the bay of Drumm. It had been a bleak, wet, blustering day—one of those gray days common to the eastern coast of Scotland—but toward evening a dreary cheerfulness had broken through the thick and hurrying rack of cloud.
"A dirty night, Captain Marks; a dull ending to a dull day," observed the Laird of Drumm, a handsome but somewhat disconcerted looking man.
"Aye, aye," returned the captain, "it has been a dull day, sir; but I canna mind that I've ever been at a funeral on a cheery. It's aye a dirty day for a burying."
"Zounds, I believe you are right," shouted the laird; "but Dewar had always bad luck."
"That's true," sighed the third, "but as holy writ hath it, 'Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.'"
"Aye, just as every craft is built to founder," interposed the captain; "only some do all the sailing, while the others do the sinking."
"Yes, it would seem so," returned the laird, repressing a yawn. "I rather fancy, though," he added, "that our friend must have seen some life before he settled at Drumm."
"Well, whether he did or not, he was a good neighbor," said the doctor, coming to a stand. "And his character and abilities were as much beyond dispute as the laird's here, and he is accounted a good man in these parts."
"So I have heard," said Marks.
"Never heed him, captain," said the laird, with a scarcely veiled air of self-satisfaction. "Leslie's party!"
"It's the truth, all the same," affirmed the doctor. "Though what you've done," he added sarcastically, "to merit the character, beats me. You simply don't know what life is, man. But the long and short of it is, laird, there's many a ship held seaworthy that has never known foul weather."
"Oh, come, Leslie," protested the laird. "I'm not perfect, I know, but if you mean to imply that I should give way to the first temptation, then—"
"Tut, tut, man, it was but a general observation. I had no—"
"There, there, say no more," said the laird, holding out his hand. "I won't detain you longer; it's getting late, and you'll be late for your night, and thanks for your company."
"Good night, sir, good night," responded the captain.
"Good night, laird," said the doctor. "Remember me to your wife and bairns—and take care of your feet on the dulse at the cove; the tide was a thought high."
"I'll mind," acknowledged the laird as he turned away.
But as he picked his steps carelessly enough among the rocks and sea rock that made his journey a tedious and precarious one he was more engaged in thinking, with a certain dissatisfaction, that he had missed the flavor of life than in watching his footing.
He had, in truth, just surmounted the last ledge of rock shutting in the cove when his feet shot out from under him and he was launched among a huddle of men engaged in something at the water's side. There was a smothered cry of "the gauger," a scuffle, a heavy thud, and the unfortunate man lay a senseless heap upon the sand.
"By heaven, he's done for," said one.
"Tis aye served, then; curse him," muttered another. But as he spoke, and over the man's face he started.
"He'll tak me, laird!" he exclaimed.
"This is no gauger; it's the Laird o' Drumm."
"Drumm?" growled a deep bass. "What? I heard he's in. I love him mair than I can pay."
"Aye, aye, Dick, we ken that; but it's a hanging matter, 'tis," returned the other gravely. "Is it no, Jan?"
"By Gott, it is," answered Jan. "Then for a space the group stood silent, peering at the body and each other by turns, evidently at a loss what to do. At length the man called Dick broke the spell.
"We canna leave him here," he grumbled. "If we do, we need never hope for another run in these parts—the gauger will jump to us at once."
"Aye, aye," chimed in an oldish, hard featured fellow, a fisherman by his fig. "Aye, aye, but what's to hinder ye taking him aboard, Jan? Jan, here," he suggested, "could drop him over the side in a fathom or twa. Ye might leave his bonnet and staff where they are. They'll show how he can by his end."
"Man, Danrit, you pawkie deevil, ye've hit it. In wi' him and shove off," cried a third.
When the Laird of Drumm came to himself, which he did some little while after Jan had succeeded in landing his cargo, the darkness had fallen and the lugger, to which he had been transported, was standing out to sea, the stars were burning, and a cold wind was blowing the salt spray in his face. For a space he lay and mused, much as he was wont to do of a morning on coming out of sleep. But gradually, the cool night air reviving him, he became conscious of a sickening, sinking motion and of a dull, stinging pain in his head.
Filled of a sudden with the agitation and foreboding that often alarms the sleeper, the laird raised himself upon his elbows and stared around.
"My God!" he groaned in alarm, as he viewed his surroundings. "What has come to me?"
Then in a dash he remembered, and as he still shivered with apprehension, a hoarse voice at no great distance supplied him with the answer.
"I think, mister, that we drop dot stranger man over de side now."
"If you're sure the tide winna carry him ashore, Jan, I dinna mind," returned the person addressed. "A corp lene the best of company."
"It brings him luck," grumbled Jan.
"Weel, we'll e'en leave it and its ill luck over the side thegither," replied the other.
"By Gott, yes," said Jan, rolling back to the hatchway, evidently intending to go below in search of something heavy, while his companion ad-

NEW SHORT STORIES

Suffered For Another.
Shortly after Newton D. Baker, city solicitor of Cleveland, began practicing law in West Virginia he was retained to defend two men charged with burglarizing an outbuilding and stealing several tubs.
When the case came to trial the younger prisoner arose and addressed the court, much to Baker's surprise.
"Judge," he said, "I stole the tubs and the other things. My brother-in-law wasn't mixed up in the affair at all. He was at home asleep. He didn't know they were hidden under the house until they were discovered there."
The judge made some further investigation, satisfied himself that the story was true and sentenced the youth to the reformatory.
The laird nodded weakly.
"It's leavin'," shrugged the laird. "It might have been worse, Pitullo." He remarked the laird, addressing the man with the rope, whom, with a feeling of uneasiness, he now recognized as a seaman and a native of Drumm—a bad character and one whom, two years before, in his capacity as magistrate, he had sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
"Maybe," answered Pitullo indifferently.
"I might, without your knowing it, have seen you and passed word to the Preventive men," explained the laird.
"Dot's true," assented Jan.
"Aye, aye, ye might," nodded Pitullo.
"Well," pursued the laird, "as I did not get the chance and there is no one a bit the worse, save myself, I suppose you won't object to putting me ashore?" and he drew himself stiffly together, as if he would rise.
But a something—a certain undecided hostility, perhaps, or the lowering silence with which they received his request—disgusted the Laird of Drumm and caused the blood to sing through his ears.
"Dot would never do," said Jan at last.



"GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE GETTING ALONG."

to the Moundsville penitentiary for two years. The brother-in-law went free.
About a year ago the young fellow walked into Baker's office in Cleveland. "Hello, Newt!" he said warmly, shaking his hand. "Glad to see you're getting along. I just stopped in to apologize for throwing you down on the case one of these times." And he laughed easily.
"Maybe you didn't know it, but when we were arrested my brother-in-law had a ten-day-old baby at his house. And a funny thing about it, Newt, I never knew that before. He's doing pretty well now. Got to dubbing around in oil lands while I was in the pen and he struck it rich. Worth about \$100,000 now."
"Oh, he's on the level. Did the right thing by me. We're sort of partners now. But what I wanted to tell you, Newt, was that I didn't steal the tubs."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Zenious, but Unlettered.
George Briggs could neither read nor write, yet he was of value to the politicians of his town. He voted regularly, persuaded voters and guaranteed votes and was rewarded with the position of city policeman.
The council one night passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to placard with advertisements the poles and fences in the borough. George Briggs was present and by manner indicated that this newest ordinance would receive his particular attention.
Next morning the watchful guardian was startled to see a young man deliberately engaged in tacking printed matter on poles and fences. The man, dressed in the ordinary and without granting an explanation hauled the prisoner before the rural magistrate.
"Let me see one of those placards," demanded the judge severely.
"An act," read his honor, "making it a misdemeanor to place or cause to be placed any advertisement, bills, notices, etc., upon the poles, fences—why, man," roared the astonished official, "this is a representation of the council in the performance of its duty."
But George had a pull and retained his job.—Philadelphia North American.

Why Mike Kelly Laughed.
Baseball craze will remember with pleasure the late Mike Kelly, the star attraction of the famous Bostonians, then the champions of the National League. The playing in a western city had just returned to their hotel after the game, and the members of the team were separating and going to their rooms, while Kelly headed for the bathroom to take his regular "shower."
A few minutes later one of the other players on the team while passing down the corridor heard Kelly's well known laugh inside the bathroom and stopped at the door and asked Kelly what the joke was.
Kelly replied, "This is the first time I ever got out of the bathtub without stepping on the soap."—Boston Herald.

A MEMORABLE TRAGEDY.

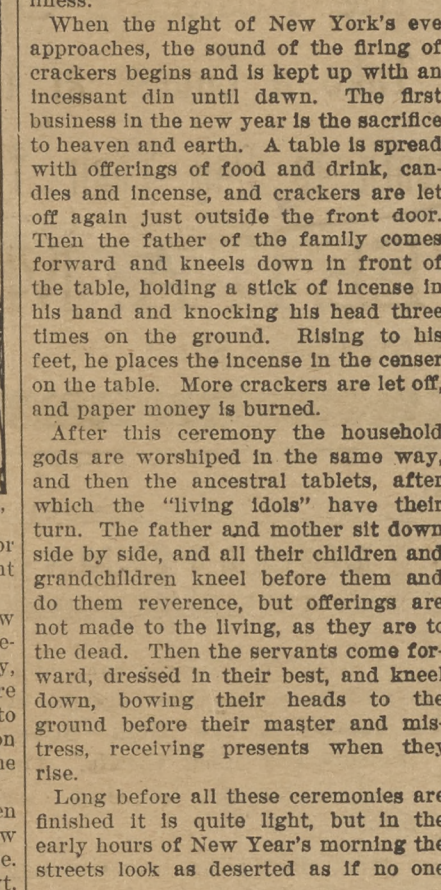
Grew Out of the Last Great Slave Auction in This Country.
The last great slave auction held in this country occurred just a year and a half before the war—in October, 1859—at the race track in Savannah. The slaves were the property of Pierce Butler, a picturesque and prominent figure at that day in Philadelphia society, who is today only remembered as having been the husband of Fanny Kemble, the actress, reader and author. His family name was Maine, but he inherited, as Butler, from his father, Thomas Butler, of South Carolina, on condition that he should take the latter's name.
Butler's inveterate passion for gambling got him into financial difficulties. It is said that he lost \$25,000 on a single hand—four deuces against four kings held by his opponent.
Finally, to meet his losses, Butler was forced to sell his slaves. The sale took place on 6th of them in all. The sale took two days and netted \$308,850. Butler had chosen a good time to sell. A year later his negroes would not have been worth a dollar a head. But the sale would have been more profitable had it not been announced as one of the conditions that no division of families would be permitted; hence in order to secure a good slave buyers often had to take with them infirm or aged relatives. Out of this limitation grew a memorable tragedy. Tom Pate, a well known Vicksburg trader, bought at the sale a man, his two sisters and his wife, with the guarantee that they would not be separated. Disappointed, Pate sold the sisters, and to Pat Somers, a brother trader, all the others to a resident of St. Louis. What legal rights a negro had in the south were well protected, and he sent the girl, who demanded his money, to the auctioneer and demanded his money.
When the result was the result, Somers was shot dead. Ten days later his nephew killed Pate and died from wounds received. The feud was kept up until every male bearing the name of Pate was wiped out, and then the war liberated the sisters.—New York Herald.

When a Chinese Emperor Dies.
Intelligence is announced by dispatches to the several provinces written with blue ink, the mourning color. All persons of rank are required to take red silk ornaments from their caps with the ball or button of rank. All subjects of China without exception are called upon to forbear shaving their heads for 100 days, within which period none may marry, play upon musical instruments or perform any sacrifice.
New Year's in Czar's Time.
At the Roman festivals of the god Janus, held on the calends of January, gifts and good wishes were exchanged, friends met together, and feasting and dancing, singing and merriment were the order of the day. January derives its name from the god Janus, who was represented with two faces looking in opposite directions, as the month was considered both to look back upon the past year and forward to that which was coming.
Useful in One Way.
"Did scrubber ever make anything out of that book he wrote?"
"Nothing except fires in the grate."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

New Year's Day In Faroff China

Greatest of Festivals In the Celestial Empire, a Happy Time For Pighted Creditors.

OF all Chinese festivals that of New Year's day is the greatest. Being a peculiarly contradictory race, the Chinese do not reckon time by the sun, as we do in America, but by the moon, so that the Chinese New Year's day may come at any time between the middle of January and the middle of February. When the time approaches, creditors are happy, for by the last day of the year all debts must be paid. The Chinaman who cannot pay up must hide his head until the festival is over. Another preparation is a general washing up. Household belongings and personal attire are put through a severe course of soap and water in order that the new year may be begun with cleanliness.
When the night of New Year's eve approaches, the sound of the firing of crackers begins and is kept up with an incessant din until dawn. The first business in the new year is the sacrifice to heaven and earth. A table is spread with offerings of food and drink, candles and incense, and crackers are let off again just outside the front door. Then the father of the family comes forward and kneels down in front of the table, holding a stick of incense in his hand and knocking his head three times on the ground. Rising to his feet, he places a single incense in the center of the table. More crackers are let off, and paper money is burned.
After this ceremony the household gods are worshipped in the same way, and then the ancestral tablets, after which the "living idols" have their turn. The father and mother sit down side by side, and all their children and grandchildren kneel before them and do them reverence, but offerings are not made to the living, as they are to the dead. Then the servants come forward, dressed in their best, and kneel down, bowing their heads to the ground before their master and mistress, receiving presents when they rise.
Long before all these ceremonies are finished it is quite light, but in the early hours of New Year's morning the streets look as deserted as if no one



"KUNG SHI, KUNG SHI!"

was living in the city. The shops are all shut, and the busy street is as quiet as if it was an ideal Shanghaiese quiet does not last long. Occasional crackers are let off, and strings of beggars soon appear on every hand. They are more numerous than usual and more importunate. They know they will reap a rich harvest on this happy day, for it is lucky to begin the year with good deeds, and it is not long before the streets are filled with a well dressed multitude starting out to pay New Year's calls.
Custom requires that all the men in China shall call on their relations, teachers and friends, and for three days the visiting goes on. Women are not expected to pay New Year's calls or to see a neighbor who comes to their houses. As these are men, of course that would be highly improper.
When friends meet in the street for the first time in the new year they stand and bow very politely; they put their hands together and shake them, saying, "Kung shi, kung shi," which means "I respectfully wish you joy," and they often add, "May you grow rich," for that is the Chinese idea of happiness.
For three days the New Year's rejoicing goes on, and then all the poorer classes begin to work again. Large shops and places of business are closed for a month.—Brooklyn Citizen.

Queer French Canadian Customs.
A French Canadian New Year's custom now nearly obsolete was that known as La Quete de l'Enfant Jesus—the collection for the infant Jesus. This collection was managed by the parish priest, who was driven round among parishioners by the senior churchwarden or the beadle. The gifts that he thus gathered "for the love of the infant Jesus" on the festival of the circumcision were distributed among the poor. Instantly connected with this was another practice of collecting alms for the poor, known as La Guignolee or La Ignotee. The words signify both a custom and a song. On the eve of the new year bands of youthful masqueraders paraded the various residents of the locality after nightfall with music and begging for offerings for the poor, generally estates, with threats of revenge if gifts were not given. A piece of pork with the tail adhering, called La Chignee, was the traditional offering expected.

Little Red Riding-hood.
Little Red Riding-hood is the heroine of a well known nursery tale, which relates her encounter with a wolf in the forest, the arts by which he deceives and her escape from him. The story derived from tradition current in the region bordering upon the river Main, in Germany. The legend is, however, widely disseminated. In the Swedish version of the story Little Red Riding-hood takes refuge in a tree, the wolf meanwhile gnawing at the roots, when her lover, alarmed by her cries, comes up just in time to see the tree fall and his ladylove crushed beneath it.

The Old Year And the New

THE clocks were on the stroke of twelve.
The moon was bright and high;
A footstep broke the frozen crust.
A shadow passed me by.
I saw a veteran, lame and old.
Whose march was almost done.
The battered knapsack on his back
Was empty, like his gun.
The silver chimes began to ring.
I heard a bugle blow,
A dashing soldier, young and fair,
Came riding o'er the snow.



THE NOTES OF "TATS" HE DREW.

The first was on his cloak of blue
And on his yellow plume,
And on his sword he bore a rose—
A red, red rose—in bloom.
He halted where the aged man
Had fallen in the snow,
And key winds had made for him
A bed of white repose.
He set the bugle to his lips.
The notes of "tats" he blew,
And then I knew that I beheld
The old year and the new.
—Mena Irving in Leslie's Weekly.

GIRDLING THE GLOBE.

How Uncle Sam Wishes All the World Happy New Year.

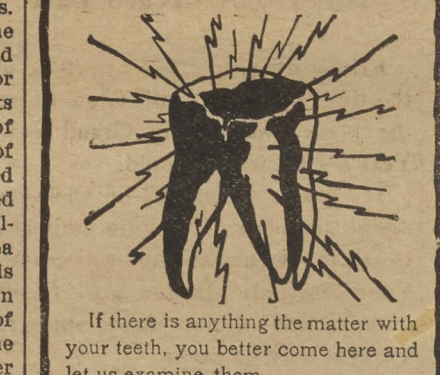
At midnight Dec. 31, from the white, towering time factory on Georgetown heights, Admiral Chester, superintendent of the National observatory, will have sounded completely around the earth by the cables which now span our great spinning top and to the continental and insular nations to the north and south by vast networks of wire ramifying in all directions from this great globe a signal announcing the birth of the year 1906 at the capital of our republic.
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Hurrying over the snowdrifts of Siberia and Russia, it will be felt in Moscow and St. Petersburg and there be taken up by the thick mesh of wires covering northern Asia, the same time spanning the coast of the black continent of Africa. From Alexandria it will be 750 miles up the Nile into the very heart of Africa. Leaping out into the sea, it will register itself in the Isles of Madagascar and Mauritius. From Lisbon to the Madeiras and over the Cape Verde Islands it will jump to Pernambuco, Brazil; thence down into the wilds of central Argentina and up into Bolivia, across the Windward Isles, the Lesser Antilles and the West Indies and then home again to the capital of the nation.
It is almost inconceivable that such a circuit of the earth can be made in scarcely more time than you would expect in wishing a neighbor "a happy new year!"—Washington Star.

That Settled It.
"Your new house is nearly completed, you say? I thought the plans didn't suit you at all."
"They didn't, but my wife and the architect insisted they were all right."—Philadelphia Press.

He that is ungrateful has no fault but one. All other crimes may pass for virtues in him.—Young.

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